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Mr. James J. Rowley, Director
United States Secret Service
Washington, D. C. 20226

Dear Jim:

The United States Intelligence Board is composed of representatives from agencies and departments of the Government which are concerned with foreign intelligence activities. Membership on USIB committees such as the Technical Surveillance Countermeasures Committee is limited in turn to representatives of USIB principals.

I continue to believe that the Committee is close to being too large for most effective functioning. In light of your feelings, however, I will instruct the Chairman of the Technical Surveillance Countermeasures Committee to accept an additional observer from the Secret Service at its meetings.

Sincerely,

/s/ Richard Helms

Richard Helms
Chairman

(1) TSCC [redacted]

4/4/68

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Dear Jim:

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It has long been recognized, however, that the White House, because of its security program, has an interest in several activities of the TSCC and many of those of its two subcommittees. Certainly to the extent that the Secret Service has a responsibility for contributing to this over-all program, it shares an interest in the TSCC. I understood that it was with this in mind that Mr. Marvin Watson in 1965 designated a member of his staff to attend committee meetings and nominated Secret Service representatives to attend meetings of both subcommittees. It is basically in these subcommittees that the technical information which I believe is relevant to your mission is discussed.

I'm sure you will agree that a committee's effectiveness decreases as it becomes too large. The TSCC is close to this point now. Accordingly, I would be very grateful if you and Mr. Watson could agree on one observer to represent the interests of the White House on the work of the parent committee and each of its subcommittees.

Sincerely,

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I continue to feel that the Committee is already close to being too large for most effective functioning. Since you feel so strongly that your White House responsibilities necessitate your representation, however, I will instruct the Chairman of the Technical Surveillance Countermeasures Committee to accept an additional observer from the Secret Service at its meetings.

Sincerely,

Richard Helms
 Chairman

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